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# H. R. 1673

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in update for certain hospitals with a high proportion of Medicare patients.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 1997

Mr. SHAW (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. FOLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in update for certain hospitals with a high proportion of Medicare patients.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION. 1. INCREASE IN UPDATE FOR CERTAIN HOS-**  
4 **PITALS WITH A HIGH PROPORTION OF MEDI-**  
5 **CARE PATIENTS.**

6 Section 1886(b)(3) of the Social Security Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following new subparagraph:

1       “(F)(i) For purposes of subsection (d), in the case  
2 of a medicare-dependent hospital described in clause (ii),  
3 the applicable percentage increase otherwise determined  
4 under subparagraph (B)(i) shall be increased by—

5               “(I) 0.5 percentage points for discharges occur-  
6 ring during cost reporting periods beginning during  
7 fiscal year 1998, and

8               “(II) 0.3 percentage points for discharges oc-  
9 ccurring during cost reporting periods beginning dur-  
10 ing fiscal year 1999.

11       “(ii) A hospital described in this clause with respect  
12 to a cost reporting period is a subsection (d) hospital  
13 meeting the following requirements:

14               “(I) Not less than 60 percent of the hospital’s  
15 inpatient days during the most recent cost reporting  
16 period for which data is available were attributable  
17 to inpatients entitled to benefits under part A.

18               “(II) The hospital does not receive any addi-  
19 tional payment amount under subsection (d)(5)(F)  
20 (relating to payments for hospitals serving a dis-  
21 proportionate number of low-income patients) with  
22 respect to discharges occurring during the fiscal  
23 year.

24               “(III) The hospital does not receive any addi-  
25 tional payment amount under subsection (d)(5)(B)

1 (relating to payment for the indirect costs of medical  
2 education) or subsection (h) (relating to payment for  
3 direct medical education costs).

4 “(IV) In the case of a hospital located in a  
5 rural area, the hospital has more than 100 beds.”.

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